Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) An autonomic composite display, comprising:

an n number of display positions in the autonomic composite display where n is at least equal to two, wherein n is an integer value;

an m number of display devices for engaging the n number of display positions, wherein m is an integer value; and

a composite display controller for presenting an l number of presentations on the m number of display devices, wherein l is an integer value, wherein the controller automatically detects a change to m and modifies ~~the~~ l ~~number of presentations~~ responsive to the change.

2. (Previously presented) The autonomic composite display of claim 1 wherein the l number of presentations are selected from a set of individual presentations and wherein the controller presents a k number of instances of one or more individual presentations, wherein k is an integer value

3. (Original) The autonomic composite display of claim 2 wherein the controller reduces k for a particular presentation Px by 1 when m is reduced by 1.

4. (Original) The autonomic composite display of claim 2 wherein the controller increases k for a particular presentation Px by 1 when m is increased by 1.

5. (Original) The autonomic composite display of claim 1 wherein the l number of presentations are selected from a set of individual presentations, wherein the controller presents a k number of instances of one or more individual presentations on the m number of display devices and wherein m is reduced by 1 by removing an mth display device from the autonomic composite display, the controller substituting a composite presentation on a selected one of the m-1 display devices when detecting the change to m, with the composite presentation including elements from a presentation previously presented on the mth display device and from a presentation previously presented on the selected display device at the time that the change was detected.

6. (Original) The autonomic composite display of claim 2 wherein the individual presentations each have an associated priority and wherein m is reduced by 1 by removing a display device having a particular presentation from the autonomic composite display, the controller substituting the particular presentation for a displayed presentation on one of the remaining m-1 display devices when the displayed presentation has a lower priority than the particular presentation.

7. (Original) The autonomic composite display of claim 6 wherein the controller first substitutes displayed presentations having k greater than 1.

8. (Original) The autonomic composite display of claim 2 wherein the individual presentations each have an associated priority and wherein m is reduced by 1 by removing a display device having a particular presentation from the autonomic composite display, the controller substituting the particular presentation for a displayed presentation on one of the remaining m-1 display devices when the displayed presentation has a priority equal to the particular presentation and the displayed presentation has k greater than 1.

9. (Currently amended) A method ~~of autonomically adjusting presentations on each of a plurality of electronic display devices making up a composite sign in response to a change in the number of display devices used in the sign under control of a computing system,~~ comprising:

a) monitoring for a change in m by ~~the~~ a computing system, ~~where~~ wherein m ~~was the~~ is a number of active devices in ~~the~~ a composite sign under control of the computing system before the change, ~~and~~ wherein m' is ~~the~~ a number of active devices in the composite sign after the change, and wherein the active devices present an l number of presentations, wherein l is an integer value; and

b) adjusting~~, by the computing system,~~ l ~~one or more presentations exhibited on the m' devices~~ in response to the change.

10. (Original) The method of claim 9 wherein the adjusting step b) uses arrangement parameter values assigned to each presentation.

11. (Original) The method of claim 10 wherein the arrangement parameter values include priority values.

12. (Original) The method of claim 10 wherein the arrangement parameter values include order values.

13. (Original) The method of claim 10 wherein the arrangement parameter values include duplicate presentation number values.

14. (Currently amended) An autonomic composite display, comprising:

means for arranging a first plurality of devices into the composite display, with the devices exhibiting a first plurality of presentations;

means for discretely and independently exhibiting the first plurality of presentations; and

means for controlling ~~a~~ an l number of presentations of a second plurality of presentations on the exhibiting means including automatic detection of a change to the first plurality of presentations and modification to l ~~the second plurality of presentations~~ responsive to the change, wherein l is an integer value.

15. (Currently amended) A computer usable medium having computer readable program code means embodied therein for autonomically adjusting exhibited presentations on a composite sign, the computer readable program code means in the computer usable medium comprising:

computer readable program code means for arranging a first plurality of presentations into a plurality of devices of the composite display;

computer readable program code means for discretely and independently exhibiting ~~a~~ an l number of presentations of a second plurality of presentations, wherein l is an integer value; and

computer readable program code means for controlling the second plurality of presentations on the exhibiting means including automatic detection of a change to the first plurality and ~~modifies~~ modification of l ~~the second plurality~~ responsive to the change.